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SUBJ: CEMA RESPONSE TO EC PRESIDENT ORTOLI PROPOSALS FOR EC-CEMA

COOPERATION

REF: A) USEC BRUSSELS 9584; B) MOSCOW 15354

1. ECONOMIC OFFICER OF AN EEC EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF LATEST EXCHANGE IN DIALOGUE BETWEEN EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI AND CEMA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FADEYEV ON POSSIBILITIES OF EC-CEMA COOPERATION.

2. ON DEC 4, WHEN FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW VIMONT WAS IN PARIS FOR BREZHNEV TALKS WITH GISCARD D'ESTAING, AN ASSISTANT OF CEMA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FADEYEV ASKED FRENCH CHARGE HUSSON TO CALL ON HIM AT CEMA HEAD-QUARTERS. WHEN HUSSON APPEARED, HE WAS GIVEN A COPY OF A LETTER TO ORTOLI SIGNED BY FADEYEV AND SENT BY TELEX TO EC HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS.

3. GIST OF LETTER WAS THAT FADEYEV "PRESUMED" FROM LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM ORTOLI DATED NOV 14 (REF A) THAT ORTOLI WAS INTERESTED IN SENDING EXPERTS TO MOSCOW TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AREAS OF EC-CEMA COOPERATION AS SUGGESTED IN FADEYEV'S LETTER OF SEPT 16. SUBJECTS MENTIONED IN ORTOLI'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER 14--COMMERCIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ALSO AN EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS--WERE ALSO NOTED. FADEYEV THEN SUGGESTED THAT EC EXPERTS COME TO MOSCOW DURING FIRST HALF OF JANUARY 1975 AND ASKED THAT IF ORTOLI AGREED HE SHOULD SEND HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE NAMES AND SPECIALITIES OF THE EXPERTS WHO WOULD BE COMING, AND THEIR DATE OF ARRIVAL.

4. EC EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT EXPERTS GROUP BE LED BY WELLENSTEIN OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTORATE. SUCH MEETING WOULD, HE SAID, BE ESSENTIAL BEFORE ANY VISIT TO MOSCOW BY HIGHER RANKING EC OFFICIAL SUCH AS SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES OR ORTOLI HIMSELF.

5. COMMENT: AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED EARLIER, THIS STEADILY WARMING DIALOGUE HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE AGAINST BACKGROUND OF ALMOST DAILY SOVIET PRESS "TREATMENT" OF EEC DIFFICULTIES, OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY CARTOONS WHICH MAKE CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR POINT WITH CUSTOMARY SLEDGE-HAMMER SUBTLETY. SOME ARTICLES ARE MORE OR LESS FACTUAL, SINCE SUCH NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS AS INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND FRENCH-ENGLISH DISPUTES NEED LITTLE ELABORATION. OTHERS ARE DEFINITELY PROPAGANDISTIC, SUCH AS A PRAVDA REPORT DATED 14 DEC ENTITLED, "THE LABYRINTHS OF THE NINE" WHICH SARCASTICALLY DESCRIBES RECENT EC SUMMIT IN PARIS AS "ONE MORE ATTEMPT" BY WEST EUROPEAN LEADERS TO FIND A COMMON SOLUTION TO COMPLEX

PROBLEMS WHICH BESIEGE THE "COMMON MARKET."
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